

2010 City of Wichita Proposed Legislative Agenda

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Wichita City Council Workshop



PROCESS

- Solicitation of department ideas
- Work with Visioneering , REAP, LKM
- Workshop with Council (solicit, affirm suggested issues)
- Final approval by Council (Oct. 13)
- On-going Council involvement in legislative process (Jan.-April)
- Coordinated monitoring with other local advocates

Presentation Categories

- Community agenda
- Department proposals
- Issue monitoring

COMMUNITY AGENDA

■ Visioneering

(2009 carryover issues)

- 1) Affordable Airfares
- 2) ASR funding
- 3) Technical education (NIAR, NCAT)
- 4) WCGME (Medical education)
- 5) Kansas Small Business Development
- 6) Nursing program expansion

Final 2010 agenda approved later in year

COMMUNITY AGENDA

REAP

Agenda process underway

2009 agenda included CTP, Affordable
Airfares, ASR funding

Adopted Dec. 14

COMMUNITY AGENDA

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

- The City of Wichita encourages the Kansas Legislature to create a new statewide Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

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- The City of Wichita also is supportive of the regional transportation agendas of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) and the South-Central Kansas Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP).

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- As evidence of the need for a CTP, the City of Wichita provides an agenda of local transportation needs that could benefit from a statewide program.

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STRATEGY: Support legislative effort to create CTP, provide attached list of COW transportation issues, work with regional partners to ensure positive outcome for south-central Kansas.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

High-Speed Passenger Rail Service

Council resolution of support for daytime service, in the event that high-speed passenger rail service is approved by the Kansas Legislature

DEPARTMENT PROPOSALS

City Manager's Office

Historical Tax Credits

ISSUE: Unintended consequences of 2009 state budget cuts have compromised existing projects relying on HTC's.

STRATEGY: Work with stakeholders to find legislative solution that honors the state's commitment to current pipeline projects

DEPARTMENT PROPOSALS

Water Utilities

ASR project funding

ISSUE: Request for third-year funding in support of Aquifer Storage Recharge project

STRATEGY: Support Kansas Water Authority budget request of \$805,000

Water Utilities

Rural Water District compensation

ISSUE: No effective conflict resolution when municipalities seek to extend urban density development into RWD territory

STRATEGY: Work with REAP Water Resource Committee, LKM, KRWA, WABA to craft compromise solution

Water Utilities

Statewide Water Plan Fee Hike

ISSUE: Kansas Water Authority may request 50 percent increase in municipal water user fee (all other fees would also be increased).

STRATEGY: Encourage reevaluation of state water policy as a condition of any fee increase. Cost/benefit analysis must validate increase in state-imposed water user fees.

Library

- 1) Stable funding, local control
- 2) Monitor budget process for statewide library issues.

ISSUES TO MONITOR

State Budget Deficit

Encourage the Kansas Legislature to use its best judgment in balancing the state budget, while taking into consideration the effects of any specific cuts in programs affecting the City of Wichita.

Discourage the use of fee fund “sweeps” to augment the state general fund.

ISSUES TO MONITOR

RICO legislation

STATUS: State legislation may be introduced that would mirror federal RICO statutes and enhance prosecution opportunities to fight gang activities. WPD will evaluate and recommend City of Wichita position.

ISSUES TO MONITOR

- LAVTR
- Eminent Domain
- Home Rule
- Casino revenue distribution
- Annexation
- LKM agenda

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Unforeseen issues will arise between now and the end of the session in May.
- PROCESS: Staff evaluation, City Manager review, Council notice and/or action